January, 31st.inst. Anno..... HCHXIII.

Dear Sir :-

I have your courteous letter of the 21 st December, 1912. A serious illness and operation has prevented an earlier reply.

In regard to the symbol you enclosed. I have caused my reply to engrossed in a small illuminated drawing, which I have ordered framed and forwarded to you under separate cover. I trust it will be recieved in good form, and bear with it the cordial greetings of the sender.

In re the Societae Resic. in Anglia. We are EOT in any way, shape, or fashion, connected even remotely with that Society. We are perfectly well acquainted with their workings, and the treatment one of our fraters has recieved at their hands, precludes any possibility of affiliation. We wrote them in due course, in accordance with our programme of attempted R.T. unity, but the results have justified us in discontinuing the correspondence.

We understand that the English Society has a recognized branch in Boston. Mass.

The writer esteems it an honor to be the recipient of a communication bearing the signature of an author whose poetry and literary work, combined

with his researches into the occult, have afforded him so much pleasure.

Replying to your query anent the Masonic Bodise, I beg to state that I am a member of all such Bodies and have taken all degrees.

Independent Royal Arch Lodge #2. New York Consistory, Scottish Rite 32.

I may state however that our High Council does not intend to limit membership in our Order to Masons, altho it has done so in the past. Further, we are now considering the advisability of admitting females.

The writer sincerely trusts that the correspondence thus begun, may bear fruit in the establishment at no rumote interval, of a closer bond of harmony between the Orders mutually represented.

Cordially and fraternally,